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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended): A system for assisting in the regeneration of depollution means (1)—associated with oxidation catalyst-forming means—(2), and integrated in an exhaust line (3) of a motor vehicle diesel engine (4)—and in which the engine (4) is associated with common manifold means (7)—for feeding the cylinders of the engine with fuel, and adapted at constant torque to implement a regeneration strategy by injecting fuel into the cylinders in at least one post-injection operation, the system being characterized in that it comprises comprising:
- · detector means (8)—for detecting a regeneration request (req.RG)—and thus a request for post-injection;
- detector means (9)—for detecting a state of the foot being raised on the vehicle accelerator;
- temperature acquisition means (11)—for acquiring the temperature downstream from the catalyst-forming means—(2);
- means (8)—for determining a maximum quantity of fuel to be injected in the post-injection operations during the period of returning to idling following the foot being raised on the accelerator, and on the basis of said temperature; and
- \cdot means $\frac{7}{8}$ for immediately interrupting the or each post-injection operation as soon as the quantity of fuel injected has reached the predetermined maximum quantity.
- 2. (Currently amended): A system according to claim 1, <u>characterized in thatwherein</u> the depollution means (1) comprise a particle filter.
- 3. (Currently amended): A system according to claim 1-or claim 2, characterized in that, wherein the depollution means (1)-comprise

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a NOx trap.

- 4. (Currently amended): A system according to any preceding claim, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the fuel includes an additive for being deposited, together with the particles with which it is mixed, on the depollution means (1)—in order to facilitate regeneration thereof.
- 5. (Currently amended): A system according to any one of claims claim 1 to 3, characterized in that, wherein the fuel includes an additive forming a NOx trap.
- 6. (Currently amended): A system according to any preceding claim, characterized in that 1, wherein the engine is associated with a turbocharger (5, 6).